

19. (new) The method as described in claim 18 wherein the lip portion of the inferior support is offset.

20. (new) A surgical method for repairing a vertebral disc comprising:
posteriorly accessing the damaged vertebral disc;
posteriorly removing the damaged vertebral disc to create an intervertebral space;

providing opposing supports and positioning the supports into the intervertebral space;

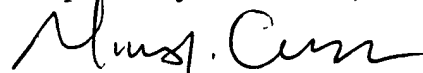
positioning a cushioning member in between the opposing supports, the cushioning member functioning to replace the damaged disc.

REMARKS

All pending claims are believed to be free of the prior art and in a condition for allowance. Favorable action and a notice of allowance are respectfully requested.

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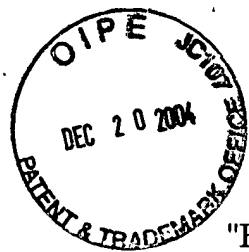
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